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### **NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - January 29, 2007**

United States Attorney Carol C. Lam announced that OMAR VALENCIA pled guilty today in federal district court in San Diego before United States District Court Judge Thomas J. Whelan to being a felon in possession of a firearm.

According to the plea agreement, Valencia, who was previously convicted of grand theft and possession of a controlled substance in Riverside County in 2005, admitted that on May 25, 2006, he possessed a Russian SKS-45 Assault Rifle, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g).

Sentencing is scheduled for April 30, 2007 at 9:00 a.m., before United States District Court Judge Thomas J. Whelan.

#### **DEFENDANT**

**Case Number: 06cr2543-W**

OMAR VALENCIA

**SUMMARY OF CHARGE**

Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(Felon in possession of a firearm)  
Maximum Penalty: Ten years' custody and a \$250,000 fine.

**PARTICIPATING AGENCY**

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives